As per India's first National Communication, a one metre sea level rise is projected to displace approximately 7.1 million people in India and about 5764 sq. km. of land area will be lost.

There is no proposal for setting up a Mission for coastal and island ecological security. However, the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has recommended a separate Island Protection Zone Notification for the integrated management of the islands.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Coal Production

2617. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal production in the country has increased during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, colliery-wise;

(c) what is the import of coal during 2008-09;

(d) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has e-auctioned the coal during the last year; and

(e) if so, the quantity of coal sold through such auction during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The coal production during 2008-09 has increased from 457.082 million tonnes in 2007-08 to 492.757 million tonnes in 2008-09. The colliery-wise production is annexed at Annexure - A, B and C.

[*See* Appendix 218 Annexure No.11]

(c) The import of coal during 2008-09 was 59.00 million tonnes.

(d) and (e) 40.457 million tonnes of coal and coal products have been sold through e-auction by CIL during 2008-09. SCCL has sold 2.634 million tonnes of coal through e-auction during 2008-09.

Development and production by coal blocks

2618. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal blocks have started developing and producing coal which were allocated to different public and private sectors during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As on date 208 coal blocks have been allocatted to various public and private sector